an area of 7.75 lakh ha. and financial assistance to the tune of Bs. 80 lakhs was provided to the farmers as subsidy on pesticides.

(ii) During Rabi 1990-91, surveillance activities ere intensified and timely control measures were undertaken in an area of 9379 ha. of nursery to prevent the disease. Financial assistance Of Rs. 56.16 lakhs was provided to the farmers as subsidy for this purpose. No disease incidence was reported in Rabi of 1990-91.

(hi) During Kharif 1991-92, similar efforts were made with financial assistance of Rs. 87.24 lakhs. RTV disease was recorded only in an area of 390 ha.

(iv) RTV resistant tolerant varieties are being popularised.

(v) Training and education programmes for farmers through mass-media have been organised. These efforts includiung intensive pest surveillance are being continued to avoid recurrence of disease in future.

Paddy production in Andhra Pradesh

1504. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE bo pleased to state the loss in paddy production in Krishna and Godavari delta in Andhra Pradesh due to inundation/ drainage problem during the last five years, year-wise: and what steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): Losses in paddy production in Krishna and Godavari delta in Andhra Pradesh due to inundation/drainage problem during last 5 years are as under:

1986-87	4,69,000 tonnes
1987-88	4,08,000 tonnes
1988-89	3,28,000 tonnes
1989-90	3.65,000 tonnes
1990-91	4.52,000 tonnes

Assistance as relief was provided for replanting/rejuvenation of crops to all affected farmers during 1986-87 and to small & marginal farmers during 1987-88. 1988-89, 1989-90 & 1990-91.

Export of Fruit

1505. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present the country is the third largest producer of fruit next only to Brazil and U.S.A.;

(b) if so, what was the production and export of fruit during the last three years; and

(c) what infrastructure Government have developed for increasing the production and export of good quality fruit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) According to latest available FAO estimates for the year 1990, India is the second largest producer of fruits next only to Brazil.

(b) As per rough estimates, the production of fruits during the last 3 years is as under:—

Year	Production (in lakh tonnes)
1988-89	246
1989-90	260
1990-91	270

The export of fruits during the last three years was as under:—

year	Export (in Metric Tonnes)
1988-89	67343
1989-90 (Provisional)	41927
1990-91 (Provisional)	31524

(c) Several steps have been taken by both the State and Union Govern-